of India are making use of loans and grants made available to them from International Financial Agencies as detailed below.

International Financial Agency	Quantum of Loan
World Bank	Loan — US$ 8 million (approx.) Grant — US$ 2 million
Asian Development Bank	Loan — US$ 245 million
Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)	Loan — Yen 32,060 million

(c) and (d) All projects being executed by NHAI are designed on latest modern methods in accordance with Codes of Practice of Indian Roads Congress and guidelines, and specification, as applicable for National Highway Works. Provisions exist for road safety and way-side amenities in all projects including those in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Removal of D.G. Doordarshan

*491. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CEO, Prasar Bharati Board removed the services of D.G. Doordarshan without any notice;

(b) if so, whether the Prasar Bharati Board was consulted before his removal; and

(c) if not, under what circumstances the D.G. Doordarshan was removed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The arrangement of holding additional charge of the post of Director-General Doordarshan by a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting was discontinued with effect from 31st January, 1998 (AN), the date upto which the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet had approved the arrangement in November, 1997. Thereafter, with the setting up of Prasar Bharati Corporation with effect from 23.11.1997, it was decided that the post would henceforth be filled up by the Corporation.

Records in Air Eaten by Termites

*492. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether atleast 13,000 records of "Sehgal", "Talat" and "Naushad" songs, ghazals and other classical renderings of timeless and everlasting value in AIR custody have been spoiled or eaten away by termites;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to salvage the same from being totally lost to posterity and transcribing the HMV and Columbia records into modern recording systems of tapes and LP-discs; and

(c) the details of the loss suffered and the stuff salvaged?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Recordings of Sehgal, Talat and Naushad available with All India Radio are maintained properly and they have neither been spoiled nor eaten away by termite.

(b) All India Radio does not have copyright to dub old recordings including HMV and Columbia on modern systems. However, under special agreement, these companies have allowed All India Radio

to dub their film songs on spools for Vividh Bharati Services only.

(c) Does not arise.

Joint Air Traffic Control System for civil and defence airports

*493. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new draft policy on Civil Aviation proposes a Joint Air Traffic Control System for the civil and defence airports for Joint Air surveillance; and

(b) if so, whether the new control arrangement would be under the IAF or AAI?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A comprehensive draft National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation. However, the policy on Airport Infrastructure, approved in December 1997, stipulates that the Airports Authority of India will provide air traffic services over the Indian Air space and adjoining oceanic area in accordance with the ICAO standards and recommended practices and there will be greater civil-military liaison for joint surveillance of Indian air space. Integration of civil/military air traffic services will be developed to ensure uniformity in air traffic control services at civil and defence airports.

New bridges and National Highways in Orissa

*494. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the bridges and National Highways constructed in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan period and the progress thereof;

(b) the bridges and National Highways proposed to be constructed in that State during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether the progress of work is behind the schedule;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the proposals for bridges and National Highways in that State which are under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) During the 8th Plan period (1992—97), 13 bridge works and 103 road works amounting to Rs. 53.58 crores under normal plan provision were sanctioned for the State of Orissa.

In addition, under Second World Bank Loan Assistance, 1 road package and 3 bridge packages were sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 133.98 crores.

Out of 116 normal plan works 6 bridge works and 73 road works have been completed. Remaining 37 works are still in progress and would be completed in varying periods upto 2000.

In case of externally aided project, overall physical progress is 42% and target date of completion is March, 2000.

(b) 9th Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

However, during Annual Plan 1997-98, 41 road works and 2 bridge works were sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 44.17 crores. Out of 43 No. of works, 42 works are in progress and 1 work is in tender stage.

(c) and (d) Some of the improvement works have suffered time and cost over-run due to delay in acquisition of land in forest area, shifting of utilities, poor performance of contractors, delays in award of works, court cases, paucity of funds etc.

(e) During Annual Plan 1998-99, 46 roads works and 13 bridge works have been proposed to be sanctioned at an estimated amount of Rs. 66.7 crores. These proposals are still awaited from State Government.